property right acquirement section on the necessary display (for example, using a yellow [paint] color) for the action case. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 42, line 25, and ending at page 43, line 4, as follows:

-- 3. When the specified due date has been passed, the action case is [painted in color] colored (for example, blue) different from the color of 2 above regardless of whether or not the action case has been 'opened' as a visual reminder to the staff of the intellectual property right acquirement section (however, an already returned action case is not [painted] colored). --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 43, line 5, and ending at page 43, line 12, as follows:

-- 4. M days (for example, seven days) prior to the legal due date, the action case is [painted in color] colored (for example, red) different from the colors of 2 and 3 above regardless of whether or not the action case has been 'opened', or whether or not the specified due date has been passed, thereby visually reminding the staff in the intellectual property right acquirement section of the action case. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 43, line 13, and ending at page 43, line 18, as follows:

-- 5. About the action case occurring by urgent facsimile, the action case is [painted] colored in the same color as 4 above regardless of whether or not the action

case has been 'opened' to visually remind the staff in the intellectual property right acquirement section of the action case. --

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 43, line 19, and ending at page 43, line 25, as follows:

-- 6. The conditions of the above mentioned display parameter (reminding conditions such as values of N and M, color [of the paint], etc.) are set by the staff in the intellectual property right acquirement section on the client PC, and stored in the non-volatile memory of the client PC, thereby successfully customizing the process. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 45, line 5, and ending at page 45, line 10, as follows:

-- 3. If the action case is not 'opened' P days (for example, 7 days) after the reception date on the staff side, a visual reminder is transmitted to the boss of the intellectual property right acquirement section on the necessary display (for example, using a red [paint] <u>color</u>) for the action case. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 45, line 11, and ending at page 45, line 16, as follows:

-- 4. If the action case is not 'requested' Q days (for example, 10 days) after the reception date on the staff side, a visual reminder is transmitted to the boss of the intellectual property right acquirement section on the necessary display (for example, using a yellow [paint] <u>color</u>) for the action case. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 45, line 17, and ending at page 45, line 22, as follows:

-- 5. About the action case occurring by urgent facsimile, the action case is [painted] <u>colored</u> in the same color as 3 above regardless of whether or not the action case has been 'opened' to visually remind boss of the staff in the intellectual property right acquirement section of the action case. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 45, line 23, and ending at page 46, line 2, as follows:

-- 6. The conditions of the above mentioned display parameter (reminding conditions such as values of P and Q, color [of the paint], etc.) are set by the boss of the staff in the intellectual property right acquirement section on the client PC, and stored in the non-volatile memory of the client PC, thereby successfully customizing the process. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 47, line 27, and ending at page 48, line 18, as follows:

-- Next, the attached document (for example, a notice of reasons for rejection) 2202 is input in S2706. It is determined in S2707 whether or not a cited document has been attached. If yes, it is determined whether or not the cited document has been stored in the server 118 forming part of the DB of the cited document. If it has been already stored, the cited document is not input by the scanner. On the other hand, if